Retention of Daily Wagers in NJPC

4069. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some issue for retention of daily wagers on work charged basis by Nathpa Jhakri Power Project management has been referred to Central Government for their intervention;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith its date of reference to the Central Government;

(c) whether Government propose to issue instructions to NJPC Management to close the old pending issue now;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) :(a) to (e) Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC) had taken over daily waged workers of Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) on "as is where is" basis as per agreement drawn on 23-7-1991 between Government of India and Government of Himachal Pradesh. The matter of their regularisation falls within the purview of HPSEB and on being regularised these workers are to be reverted to HPSEB in term of agreement dated 6-1-1992 between NJPC and HPSEB.

Both the Central and State Governments have agreed on 24-1-2000, to the continuance of the above arrangements.

Free Power From Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects to Himachal Pradesh

4070. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some proposal from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh regarding 12 per cent free power from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects is pending clearance with his Ministry for a long time; and

(b) whether such claims is due to ecological and other damages caused to the State with this project ?